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Dear League Member...

Here is the next edition of your Southwestern Division electronic newsletter, *The e-Communicator*. This newsletter is part of the value of your League membership, so please tell your friends and fellow club members how they can receive their own copy. To sign up, go to the ARRL web site, www.arrl.org, log on to the members-only area, and select the Member Data page. Near the bottom of your member data page, change your e-mail notification option to "Yes" to receive Division/Section notices.

Division Update...

Right Now: The California version of PRB-1 passed the state Assembly on a vote of 67-0 on April 10. Then the bill was sent to the state Senate where it received its first reading. It now awaits assignment to a Senate committee. Stay tuned for further progress reports!

Right Now: In Washington D.C., Rep Steve Israel (D-NY) has again introduced the "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act" into the current session of Congress. The measure, designated HR 1478, would require private land-use regulators such as homeowners' associations to reasonably accommodate Amateur Radio antennas consistent with the PRB-1 limited federal preemption. Please write to your Congressman/woman and ask him/her to become a co-sponsor of HR-1478. More info and a sample letter are located at:

<http://www2.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/03/31/1/?nc=1>

Right Now: Do you know an outstanding young Radio Amateur deserving of recognition? If so, please consider making a nomination for Amateur Radio Newsline's "Young Ham of the Year" Award. Deadline is May 30. Details at:

<http://www.arnewsline.org/yhoty/yhfrm2003.html>

May 2-4: The 54th annual International DX Convention is being held in Visalia, CA. Meet DXers from around the world, win one of the cool prizes, chat with the manufacturers of leading equipment and learn about cutting-edge DX techniques. More info at: <http://ncdxc.org/Ncdxc/Convention/>

May 3: The CARA Spring Hamfest will be held at the Cochise Amateur Radio Association club site on Moson Rd, Sierra Vista, AZ. For more info, visit the web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/k7rdg>

May 4: ARRL Emergency Communications Course, Level 1 (EC-001) registration opens Sunday, May 4, at 9:01 PM Pacific Time for the on-line course. Registration remains open until all available seats have been filled--usually the seats are filled within minutes after opening. During this registration period, approximately 200 seats are being offered to ARRL members on a first-come, first-served basis.

May 10: An "Antennas in the Park" event is being held at Tri-City Park in Placentia. This almost-annual Amateur Radio operating event and picnic is sponsored by the Fullerton Radio Club and the Western Amateur Radio Association. If the food and camaraderie aren't enough, plan to participate in the free on-foot foxhunt that's scheduled to coincide with CQ Magazine's National Foxhunting Weekend. More info at: <http://www.fullertonradioclub.org/bin/site/wrappers/splash.asp>

Don't Forget: "The Best in the West" Convention, HAMCON 2003, will be held this September 5-7 in Long Beach, CA. Learn about all facets of Amateur Radio; check out the latest equipment; operate W1AW/6; exchange views with ARRL President, Jim Haynie, W5JBP; find out how Hollywood is promoting ham radio; win prizes! More info at: <http://www.hamcon.org>

That's it for this edition folks. 73,



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